

Report of Committee on Engrossed Bills:  
The Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, having examined and compared Senate bill No. 186, "To incorporate a Bank of Discount and Deposit at Navasota, Texas"; also, Senate bill No. 196, "To incorporate the Florence Male and Female High School, and to prohibit the sale of spirituous or other intoxicating liquors within six miles of the same"; also, Senate bill No. 23, "To carry into execution the judgments and decrees of the late county courts, and to perfect the unfinished business of the same"; also Senate bill No. 201, "To prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within four miles of Shiloh Male and Female Academy," and Senate bill No. 202, "Authorizing and requiring the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents on certain settler's claims of one hundred and sixty acres of land each, on payment of usual office fees and fifty cents per acre," find the same to be correctly engrossed.

G. T. RUBY,  
E. L. DOHONEY,  
P. W. HALL.

On motion of Senator Ruby the Senate adjourned.

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SENATE CHAMBER,  
AUSTIN, TEXAS, Thursday, July 21, 1870.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment; President Don Campbell presiding. Roll called; quorum present. Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending reading of the journal, on motion of Senator Pyle the further reading of the journals were dispensed with.

Under direction of the President the Secretary carried to the House, with action of the Senate, House bill No. 421, "An Act to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within two miles of Pennington College, Trinity county, Texas;" House bill No. 19, entitled "An Act to incorporate Pennington College;" House bill No. 322, "An Act to incorporate the Red River County, Texas, Agricultural and Mechanical Association;" House bill No. 371, "An Act to authorize John G. Blankenship to erect a toll bridge over Tehuacana creek, in the county of McLennan, Texas;" also, Senate bill No. 202, "An Act authorizing and requiring the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents on certain settlers' claims, of one hundred and sixty acres of land each, on payment of usual office fees and fifty cents per acre;" Senate bill No. 201, "An Act to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within four miles of Shiloh Male

and Female Academy;" substitute for Senate bill No. 23, "An Act to carry into execution the judgments and decrees of the late county courts, and to perfect the unfinished business of the same;" Senate bill No. 196, "An Act to incorporate the Florence Male and Female High School, and to prohibit the sale of spirituous or other intoxicating liquors within six miles of the same;" Senate bill No. 186, "An Act to incorporate a Bank of Discount and Deposit at Navasota, Texas."

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Report of Committee on Judiciary:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
Austin, July 20, 1870.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of Senate:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House bill No. 386, entitled "An Act providing for the payment of the outstanding indebtedness of the several counties," have carefully considered the same, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with accompanying amendment, and respectfully recommend its passage.

M. PRIEST,

Chairman of Committee.

Amend section one, line three, by striking out after the word "authorized," the words "and required," and insert in lieu thereof the words "at their discretion."

On motion of Senator Priest the rules were suspended to consider the report.

Report and amendments read and adopted.

Rules suspended and bill as amended read first time; rules suspended and bill read second time; rules suspended and bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Senator Fountain two hundred and fifty copies of House bill 386 were ordered to be printed.

Secretary carried House bill 386 to the House with the action of the Senate.

Report of Committee on Judiciary:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
Austin, July 20, 1870.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 265, entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of Paris, Texas,"

have carefully considered the same, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with accompanying amendments, and recommend that it do pass.

M. PRIEST,

Chairman of Committee.

Amend by striking out section two and insert in lieu thereof the following language, to wit:

SEC. 2. The Governor shall, within sixty days from the passage of this act, appoint a mayor, six councilmen and a marshal, who shall reside within the corporate limits of said city, all of whom, except the marshal, shall be freholders in said city; and who shall hold their respective offices until the next general election, and until their successors are elected and qualified. At the first general election provided for by the laws of the State for members of the Legislature, and every two years thereafter the aforesaid officers shall be elected by the qualified registered voters residing within the corporate limits of said city.

Amend section three, line three, by inserting after the word "judgment" the words "and the oath required by the constitution of the State."

Amend section nine by striking out in lines six and seven the following words: "both the mayor and the councilmen shall be exempt from military duty and from service as jurors and overseers of the poor."

Laid over under the rules.

On motion of Senator Fountain the rules were suspended to take up House bill No. 323, "An Act to incorporate the Bayou City Bank."

Bill read first time; rules suspended, bill read second time; rules further suspended, bill read third time.

Yeas and nays taken on final passage:

Yeas—Mr. President, Baker, Bell Clark, Cole, Dohoney, Douglas, Evans, Flanagan, Ford, Fountain, Gaines, Hertzberg, Latimer, Mills, Parsons, Pettit, Pickett, Priest, Pridgen, Pyle, Rawson, Ruby, Saylor, Shannon—25.

Nays—None.

Absent—Bowers, Broughton, Hall—3.

Bill passed.

Under direction of the President the Secretary carried to the House with action of the Senate, House bill No. 323, "An Act to incorporate the Bayou City Bank."

## BILLS.

By leave Senator Mills introduced a bill entitled "An Act to incorporate the Austin Gas Light Company."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Message from the House informing the Senate the House had passed House bill No. 147, "An Act to encourage stock raising, and for the protection of stock raisers," House bill No. 410, "An Act to create the county of Delta," House bill No. 407, "An Act to provide for the salary and fees of district attorneys," House bill No. 437, "An Act authorizing district clerks to take proof or acknowledgments of all instruments of writing for record."

Special Message from the Governor, by his Private Secretary.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,  
Austin, July 21, 1870.

To the Honorable Senate of the State of Texas,

GENTLEMEN: I respectfully ask your advice and consent to the following appointments, to-wit:

Daniel D. Claiborne for judge of the district court for the seventeenth district.

Respectfully,

EDMUND J. DAVIS,  
Governor.

Referred to Committee on Nominations.

Message from the House informing the Senate the Speaker had signed in open session enrolled bill "An Act legalizing a special tax levied by military order," also enrolled bill "An Act to authorize district judges and district clerks to approve bonds of county officers in certain cases. Thereupon they were signed by the President and returned to the House."

Under direction of the President the Secretary carried to the House for signature of the Speaker enrolled bill "An Act to incorporate the City Bank of Houston."

On motion of Senator Saylor the rules were suspended to take up House Bill No. 91, "An Act to organize, incorporate and aid the East Line and Red River Company of Texas."

Bill read first time; rules suspended and bill read second time; and, on motion of Senator Mills, was made special order for Wednesday at 11:30 A. M.

Special order: On motion of Senator Parsons the consideration of the Governor's veto on Senate bill No. 94 "An Act to expedite the construction of the Southern Pacific Railroad," was postponed, and made special order for to-morrow at 10:30 A. M.

On motion of Senator Pridgen the rules were suspended to take

up House bill No. 146, "An Act legalizing the acts of the police court of Goliad county in acting under the acts of the Legislature of 1866.

Bill read first time; rules suspended, bill read second time; rules suspended, bill read third time and passed.

Senator Saylor offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That A. J. Fountain, Senator from the thirtieth district, be and he is hereby granted leave of absence for the balance of the present session, said leave of absence to date from August 1, 1870.

Adopted.

On motion of Senator Dohoney the rules were suspended to take up Senate bill No. 191, "An Act to incorporate the North Texas Railroad Company."

Senator Bell moved to amend by striking out section ten.

Yeas and nays taken.

Yeas—Baker, Bell, Bowers, Broughton, Clark, Cole, Douglas, Evans, Ford, Fountain, Gaines, Hall, Hertzberg, Parsons, Pettit, Pickett, Priest, Pridgen, Rawson, Ruby, Shannon—21.

Nays—Mr. President, Dohoney, Flanagan, Latimer—4.

Absent—Pyle, Saylor and Mills—3.

Amendment adopted.

Pending the amendment of bill,

Under direction of the President the Secretary carried to the House, House bill No. 146, "An Act legalizing the acts of the police court of Goliad county in acting under the acts of the Legislature of 1866."

Rules suspended. Senate bill No. 191 read second time, passed to engrossment, and on further motion the rules were suspended and bill read third time.

Yeas and nays taken on final passage.

Yeas—Mr. President, Baker, Bell, Bowers, Broughton, Clark, Cole, Dohoney, Douglas, Evans, Flanagan, Ford, Fountain, Gaines, Hertzberg, Mills, Parsons, Pettit, Pickett, Pridgen, Pyle, Ruby, Saylor, Shannon—24.

Nays—Hall, Priest, Rawson—3.

Absent—Latimer.

Bill passed.

Message from the House informing the Senate the House had passed Senate bill No. 202, "An Act authorizing and requiring the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents on certain settlers' claims of one hundred and sixty acres of land each on payment of usual office fees and fifty cents per acre."

On motion of Senator Ford the rules were suspended to take up

Senate bill No. 82, "An Act entitled an act to amend sections one, two, three, five, six, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fifteen, nineteen and twenty of 'An Act to incorporate the Waco Tap Railroad Company.'"

Senator Ford offered the following amendment:

Amend section thirteen, line five, by striking out the word "ten" and insert "fifteen." Adopted.

Senator Ford offered the following amendment:

Amend section twenty by striking out all of the section after the word "act," in line two, and insert in lieu thereof, "shall take effect from and after its passage and continue in force fifty years."

Adopted.

Senator Ford moved the engrossment of the bill. Carried.

Rules suspended and bill read third time.

Yeas and nays taken on final passage:

Yeas—Mr. President, Baker, Bell, Bowers, Broughton, Clark, Cole, Dohoney, Douglas, Evans, Flanagan, Ford, Fountain, Gaines, Hall, Hertzberg, Latimer, Parsons, Pettit, Pickett, Priest, Pridgen, Pyle, Rawson, Ruby, Saylor—26.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mills, Shannon—2.

Bills passed:

On motion of Senator Saylor the rules were suspended to take up Senate bill No. 119, "An Act to incorporate the New Anhold Manufacturing Company of Burleson county, Texas."

Bill read second time and passed to engrossment; and on further motion the rules were suspended and bill read third time.

Yeas and nays taken:

Yeas—Mr. President, Baker, Bell, Bowers, Broughton, Clark, Cole, Dohoney, Douglas, Evans, Flanagan, Ford, Fountain, Gaines, Hertzberg, Latimer, Mills, Parsons, Pettit, Pickett, Priest, Pridgen, Pyle, Rawson, Saylor, Shannon—26.

Nays—None.

Absent—Hall, Ruby—2.

Bill passed.

Under direction of the President the Secretary informed the House the Senate had concurred in House amendment to Senate bill No. 14, "An Act to incorporate the Jefferson, Marshall and Big Cypress Bayou Bridge Company."

On motion of Senator Fountain the Senate went into executive session.

IN SENATE.

The Secretary was instructed to inform his Excellency the Governor that the Senate, in executive session, had advised and consented

to the appointment of John Cou. lad for director of penitentiary.

Report of Committee on Enrollment:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
Austin, July 21, 1870.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of Senate:

Your Committee on Enrollment have examined and find correctly enrolled Senate bill No. 17, entitled "An Act to incorporate the City Bank of Houston," and to-day at 12 o'clock and twenty-five minutes, P. M., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

B. J. PRIDGEN,  
Chairman.

Report of Committee on Engrossment:

The Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills having examined and compared Senate joint resolution No. 10, "concerning the supreme court libraries at Tyler and Galveston," find the same to be correctly engrossed.

G. T. RUBY,  
E. L. DOHONEY,  
P. W. HALL.

On motion of Senator Flanagan the Senate adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

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